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| Filing Date            | January 28, 2004   |
| First Named Inventor   | Morimoto   |
| Title                  | Erythromycin A Derivatives and Method for Preparing Same |
| Art Unit               | Not yet assigned   |
| Examiner Name          | Not yet assigned   |
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☐ Applicant/Inventor.☒ Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.  
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96)**SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record**

Name Akira Uehara, President, Taisho Pharmaceutical Company, Ltd.

Signature 

Date 27 January, 2004

Telephone 011-81-03-3985-1111

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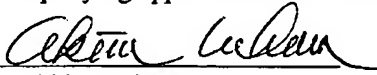
**ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO REISSUE**

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Sir:

The undersigned, by authority vested in him by Taisho Pharmaceutical Company, Limited, assignee of the entire interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,342,590, the invention described therein, and in any reissue thereof by assignment recorded at Reel 4770, Frame 0623, hereby assents on behalf of the assignee to the accompanying application for reissue.

Date: 27 January, 2004

By:   
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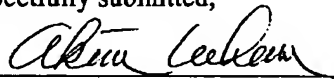
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